Weymouth and *Melcomb Regis.*

The Copy of the POLL at the laſt Election, as delivered by Mr. *Tucker*, the Mayor, who preſided at the Election.

A POLL taken the Twenty Fourth Day of *Auguſt*, 1727, for the Electing of four Burgeſſes to ſerve in the enſuing Parliament, for the Borough of *Weymouth* and *Melcomb Regis*, in the County of *Dorſet*; Candidates as followeth, *viz. William Betts*, Eſq; *Edward Tucker*, Merchant, *Thomas Pearſe*, Eſq; Sir *James Thornhill*, Knt. *Henry Neale*, Merchant, *Edward Seymour*, Eſq; *Richard Bury*, Brewer, and *Knox Ward*, Eſq;

	Betts	Tucker	Pearſe	Thornhill	Neale	Seymour	Bury	Ward
Richard Beare	—	—	—	—				
Thomas Ledoze	—	—	—	—				
Richard Rounſevall	—	—	—	—	—			
Samuel Thornhill	—	—	—	—				
John Pollard		—		—		—		—
Joſeph Hart	—	—				—		—
Tilard Garland	—	—	—	—				
William Standley	—	—		—		—		
Iſaac Bonnett	—	—		—		—		
William Taunton	—	—	—	—				
John Henning					—	—	—	—
Owen Wills	—	—	—	—				
Joſeph Bonnett	—	—		—		—		
John Mellican	—	—	—	—				
Roger Clavell	—	—		—		—		
Thomas Vizer	—	—	—	—				
Cornelius Gardner	—	—	—	—				
William Whittell					—	—	—	—
John Clapcott, Eſq;						—		
John Meech, Eſq;	—	—		—		—		
John Bartlett		—	—			—		—
William Johnſon	—	—		—	—			
Benjamin Kellaway		—			—		—	—
Jonathan Cooke	—	—	—	—				
Bartholomew Peach	—	—	—	—				
John Orchard	—	—		—		—		
Edward Bayley *ſen.*					—	—	—	—
Thomas Tivetoe	—	—	—		—			
John Hill	—	—	—		—			
Samuel Langriſh		—	—		—			—
Robert Jones	—	—	—			—		
Gabriel Burrord	—	—		—				—
Henry Chick		—			—		—	—
Richard Cole	—	—			—			—
John Clayton	—	—	—	—				

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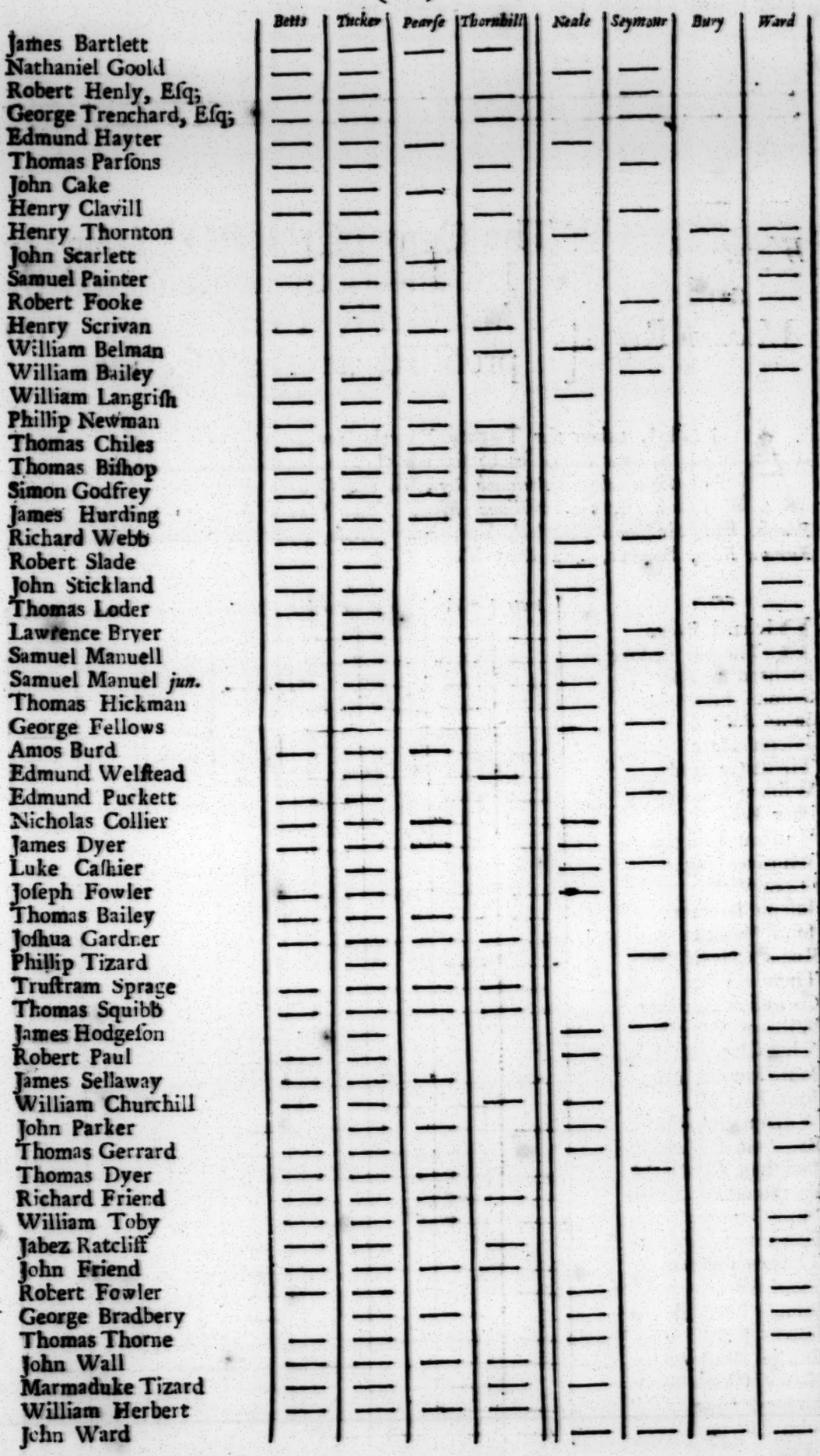
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James Bartlett
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Robert Henly, Eſq;
George Trenchard, Eſq;
Edmund Hayter
Thomas Parſons
John Cake
Henry Clavill
Henry Thornton
John Scarlett
Samuel Painter
Robert Fooke
Henry Scrivan
William Belman
William Bailey
William Langriſh
Phillip Newman
Thomas Chiles
Thomas Biſhop
Simon Godfrey
James Hurding
Richard Webb
Robert Slade
John Stickland
Thomas Loder
Lawrence Bryer
Samuel Manuell
Samuel Manuel jun.
Thomas Hickman
George Fellows
Amos Burd
Edmund Welſtead
Edmund Puckett
Nicholas Collier
James Dyer
Luke Caſhier
Joſeph Fowler
Thomas Bailey
Joſhua Gardner
Phillip Tizard
Truſtram Sprage
Thomas Squibb
James Hodgeſon
Robert Paul
James Sellaway
William Churchill
John Parker
Thomas Gerrard
Thomas Dyer
Richard Friend
William Toby
Jabez Ratcliff
John Friend
Robert Fowler
George Bradbery
Thomas Thorne
John Wall
Marmaduke Tizard
William Herbert
John Ward

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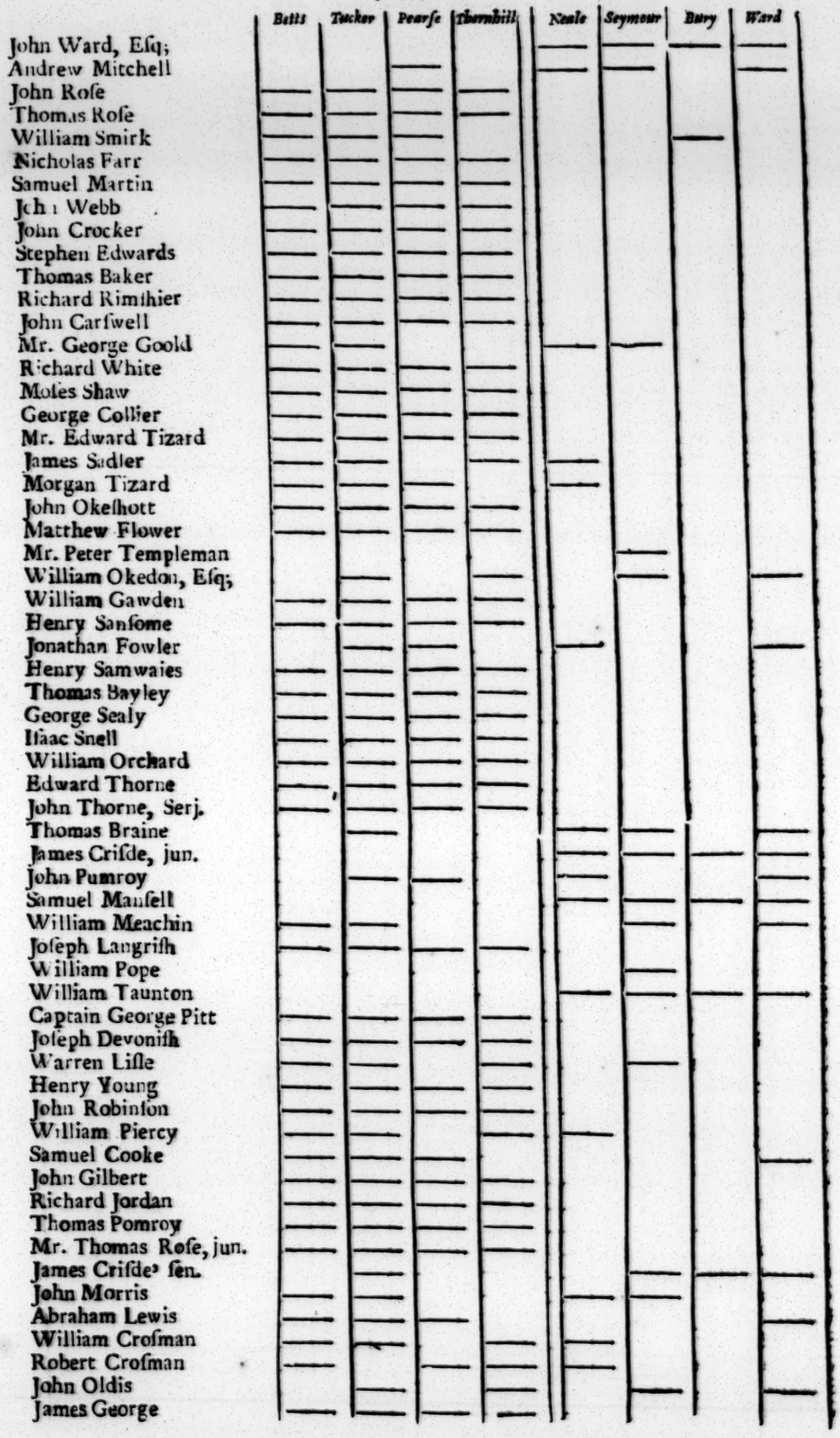
Fabian Green	—	—		—				—
Annanias Tompſon	—	—	—		—			
Richard Prowſe		—				—	—	—
Walter Scott	—	—	—	—				
John Anthony					—	—		—
Dennis Bond, Eſq;		—				—		
James Norman	—	—	—			—		
William Tizard	—	—	—		—			
William Bayley	—	—		—				—
John Gillingham		—			—	—		—
John Mainard		—		—		—		—
Samuel Hewett	—		—	—		—		
Mr. Daniel Arden	—	—			—	—		
William Thorne		—			—	—		—
John Ingram		—			—		—	—
William Mowlam	—	—			—			—
Mr. John Meachin		—				—	—	—
Mr. John Chaning					—	—	—	—
George Churchey, *Cler.*					—	—	—	—
John Curtice	—	—	—					—
Joſeph Wheeler		—		—	—	—		
William Manſell			—				—	—
Bernard Shorthoſe		—	—		—			—
Richard Greene				—	—	—		—
Mr. Andrew Pitt	—	—	—	—				
John Kent					—	—	—	—
Thomas Hackman	—	—	—			—		
Henry Elliot		—	—		—			—
John Cromy					—	—	—	—
Peter Redwood	—	—	—		—			
John Buſſell					—	—		—
John Andrews		—			—	—		—
Criſtopher Jerrard	—	—			—			—
John Preſton, *Cl.*	—	—			—			—
John Hellard		—			—	—		—
John Kingſton	—	—			—			—
William Edwards		—			—	—		—
Samuel Ruſſell	—	—	—		—			
Ralph Henville					—	—	—	—
Henry Weſton	—		—		—			—
Dr. William Wiſeman		—	—	—	—			
Robert Hallett		—			—	—		—
Theodore Aubie	—		—		—			—
James Gaylard				—	—	—		—
Richard Jeanes	—	—			—			—
James Sturmy					—	—	—	—
John Beſs	—	—	—		—	—		
John Beſs, *jun.*	—	—			—			—
Robert Saxton		—	—			—		—
Malachi Bond	—	—			—			—
John Thedam	—	—					—	—
William Merſhalſey	—		—		—	—		—
John Chiles	—	—			—			—
John Houghſton	—	—	—			—		
John Buſſell	—	—			—			—
Robert Ellary *ſen.*					—	—	—	—
Hugh Margery	—		—	—	—			
William Combes					—	—	—	—
Edward Bailey, *jun.*		—			—	—		—
William Bryer	—	—				—		—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John Ward, Eſq;
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Thomas Roſe
William Smirk
Nicholas Farr
Samuel Martin
John Webb
John Crocker
Stephen Edwards
Thomas Baker
Richard Rimſhier
John Carſwell
Mr. George Goold
Richard White
Moſes Shaw
George Collier
Mr. Edward Tizard
James Sadler
Morgan Tizard
John Okeſhott
Matthew Flower
Mr. Peter Templeman
William Okedon, Eſq;
William Gawden
Henry Sanſome
Jonathan Fowler
Henry Samwaies
Thomas Bayley
George Sealy
Iſaac Snell
William Orchard
Edward Thorne
John Thorne, Serj.
Thomas Braine
James Criſde, jun.
John Pumroy
Samuel Manſell
William Meachin
Joſeph Langriſh
William Pope
William Taunton
Captain George Pitt
Joſeph Devoniſh
Warren Liſle
Henry Young
John Robinſon
William Piercy
Samuel Cooke
John Gilbert
Richard Jordan
Thomas Pomroy
Mr. Thomas Roſe, jun.
James Criſde, ſen.
John Morris
Abraham Lewis
William Croſman
Robert Croſman
John Oldis
James George

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Thomas Thorne, jun.		—	—		—			—
Hananiah Brett	—	—	—	—				
Mr. Iſaac Harvey	—	—	—	—				
Richard Tucker	—	—	—	—				
Mr. John Hardy	—	—	—	—				
Robert Henly	—		—	—	—			
Edward Tizard	—	—	—	—				
Knox Ward, Eſq;			—		—	—	—	
Sir James Thornhill	—	—	—	—				
Mr. Edward Tucker	—		—	—			—	
Thomas Pearſe, Eſq;	—	—		—				—
Henry Neale, Eſq;		—			—	—		—
Richard Piercy, Eſq;	—	—	—	—				
Richard Bury					—	—	—	—
George Paſhen	—	—	—	—				
Mr. Charles Langriſh			—		—	—		—
Thomas Cooper	—	—	—	—				
Mr. Mayor	—	—	—	—				
	162	196	125	111	101	85	33	105

This is a true Copy of the Mayor's Poll.

THO. COOPER, *Town Clerk.*

The following Perſons Votes were, ſome of them, poſitively refuſed to be taken at all, and others of them at the taking by the Mayor, upon his Poll, were by him Query'd, and were, after ſhutting the Poll, arbitrarily ſtruck out by *Thomas Cooper*, who declared he did it by Order and Direction of Mr. *John Tucker*, the Mayor, without hearing either the Condidates or the Parties.

Thoſe Rejected marked *R* 28 } in all 80 Perſons.
Thoſe Query'd marked *Q* 52 }

Q Auguſtine Wiggans
Q John Mattick
Q Joſiah Mattick
Q Law. Snooke
R G. Randall
Q R. Andrews
R John Hellard, jun.
Q Harris Beſſant
Q John Gillingham
R Wm. Smart
Q Nath. Haydon
R John Pearce
R John Roles
Q Wm. Bayly
Q Robt. Towell
Q James Simonds
Q John Willcox
R Ed. Toogood
R John Maſchall
Q Tho. Loder, jun.
R Richard Hardy
R John Meech Sailer
R Richard Dyer
Q John Chapman
Q Wm. Radclif
Q John Toby
Q John Thorn
Q John Keat
Q John Orchard
R Leo. Deare
Q Mitch. Fowler
Q Tho. Bagg
Q Hum. Jollif
Q Wm. Gibbs
Q Mich. Andrews
R Phil. Hendy
Q Robt. Hudſon
Q P. Pearſe
Q John Darby
Q Math. Fripp
Q Geo. Cooper
R John Arnold
Q Tho. Seward
Q Tho. Barratt
R Tho. Green
R Stephen Clark
R Tho. Ellary
Q John Gould, Eſq;
Q Tho. Bennett
R Wm. Machin
Q John Maloony
Q Hen. Pope
Q Fra. Cox
R Hen. How
Q John Greenland
Q John Ellary

Sam.

Q	Samuel Criſde	R	William Tizard
Q	John Parker	Q	William Cooper
Q	Richard Parker	Q	John Buſſel *jun.*
R	Jo. Read	Q	Bernard Andrews
Q	Robert Morgan	Q	Ja. Gould, Eſq;
Q	Richard White	R	Jo. Gray
Q	William Beſſant	R	Richard Seymour
Q	John Taylor	R	George Golop
Q	Chriſtopher Farr	R	Benjamin Devoniſh
R	John Brown	R	William Lye
Q	Robert Welch Doran	R	Daniel Greenland
Q	Thomas Gillet	R	William Mitchell

Note, There are ſeveral Perſons of the ſame Name in this Liſt that are upon the Mayor's Poll, and therefore thoſe Parties that were queried and ſtruck out, are deſir'd to produce their Titles to Mr. *William Templeman*, of *Dorcheſter*, who will take Care that they have Juſtice done them.

N. B. The Numbers declared in the Common-Hall by Mr. *Cooper*, on *Saturday* the 26th of *Auguſt*, 1727, about Five a-Clock in the Afternoon, *viz.*

Mr. Tucker — —	195	Mr. Neale — —	100
Mr. Betts — —	164	Mr. Seymour — —	83
Mr. Pearſe — —	125	Mr. Bury — —	35
Sir James Thornhill ---	110	Mr. Ward — —	105

A Copy of the Poll was, after the Declaration of the Numbers, inſtantly demanded by each Candidate, and the ſame Evening the Town-Clerk was called upon for them; and two or three Times every Day afterwards, either he or the Mayor was ſent to, for the ſame: But no Copy could be got until *Tueſday* the 29th, when Mr. *Cooper* brought a Copy to Mr. *Ward*'s Lodgings, ſigned as a true Copy. And the Numbers upon that Poll were, *viz.*

Mr. Tucker — —	195	Mr. Neale — —	101
Mr. Betts — —	164	Mr. Seymour — —	83
Mr. Pearſe — —	125	Mr. Bury — —	35
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But Mr. *Ward* being adviſed to ask the Mayor if he would take upon himſelf to ſay, that the ſaid Poll was a true Copy; he refuſed to do it, alledging, Mr. *Cooper*'s ſigning it was ſufficient: However, he took the Poll back, and returned it not until *Tueſday* the 12th of *September* following: And then it ſtood with Numbers as below, *viz.*

Mr. Betts — —	162	Mr. Neale — —	101
Mr. Tucker — —	196	Mr. Seymour — —	85
Mr. Pearſe — —	125	Mr. Bury — —	33
Sir James Thornhill —	111	Mr. Ward — —	105

By which it plainly appears, that theſe Gentlemen, in their own Way, have laid the Foundation of their Proceedings upon a Baſis of Error and Injuſtice: For they themſelves have proved, that both their Declaration, and the Copies of the Polls are falſe, without coming immediately to account with them about the great Numbers arbitrarily ſtruck off the Poll. Beſides, 'tis a Demonſtration, that the Law was no Rule or Guide to the returning Officer, who, by the Act of 7th and 8th of *William* III. *Cap.* 25. is expreſly directed, *Forthwith to deliver to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall deſire the ſame, a Copy of the Poll taken at the Election, and for every wilful Offence contrary to the ſaid Act, ſhall forfeit to every Party*

Party aggrieved the Sum of Five hundred Pounds. That is, to every Candidate or Voter who demands the Poll, and has not a true One given; or elſe, not to have it forthwith delivered, after the Demand is made. In either of which Caſes, a Returning Officer is ſubject to the Penalty: And in both theſe Caſes, the Mayor of *Weymouth* cannot be innocent nor free from a Proſecution, by every Voter who was rejected before the Poll was cloſed, or ſtruck off by him afterwards; which laſt Action of the Mayor's is altogether without Precedent: And was done by him, contrary to the Sentiments of many Perſons in the Intereſt of thoſe Gentlemen who had a Majority declared in their Favour, and, who honeſtly, at that time, did expreſs their Diſlike of ſuch an illegal Attempt: Notwithſtanding which, Mr. *Cooper*, at the Mayor's Command (as he declared afterwards, in the Preſence of many Wit. eſſes) ſtruck them off the Poll; and had ſo defaced their Names, that neither himſelf nor any other Perſon could diſtinguiſh who they were: For which Reaſon this Poll is printed, that every Voter may ſee the Injury done him; and by what Hand it was done; and know the Law that directs the Remedy. The Queries ſtruck off the Poll, and after the Number was declared, were no leſs than 52 Perſons; and each had a Right to Vote for four Members: So that 208 Votes were ſet aſide at once in Breach of the Law, and in Prejudice both to the Voters and Candidates at this Election: Tho', but a very little Time before, the Mayor ſent his Officer to the Freeholders, who were ſhut out of the Hall, to acquaint them, that nothing would be done that Night; neither would the Members be declared: But no ſooner were they quieted and diſperſed, but a Minority was made a Majority; and a Declaration pronounced in favour of the Gentlemen, as they ſtand circumſtanced upon this Poll.

N. B. The Advertiſement in the Daily Journal of the 15th of *September*, 1727, which vilifies the Account of the *Weymouth* Election, was inſerted by one Mr. *Cooper*, Brother of Mr. *Cooper* the Town-Clerk, and two other Perſons with him, whoſe Names ſhall hereafter be made publick. This, in ſome Meaſure, will ſuffice to convince the World how deſireous thoſe Gentlemen are to avoid having their Conduct expoſed; and they certainly concluded the beſt Way to prevent it, was to throw Dirt, as is done by that Advertiſement: And alſo by another in the *Whitehall* Evening Poſt the 8th of *Auguſt*, 1727, in Relation to the *Weymouth* Election. By both which it appears, thoſe Perſons are more officiouſly concerned to ſcandalize others, than they are to reform their own Practices; which appears to be moſt arbitrary, and ſcandalouſly contrary to Law and Juſtice.

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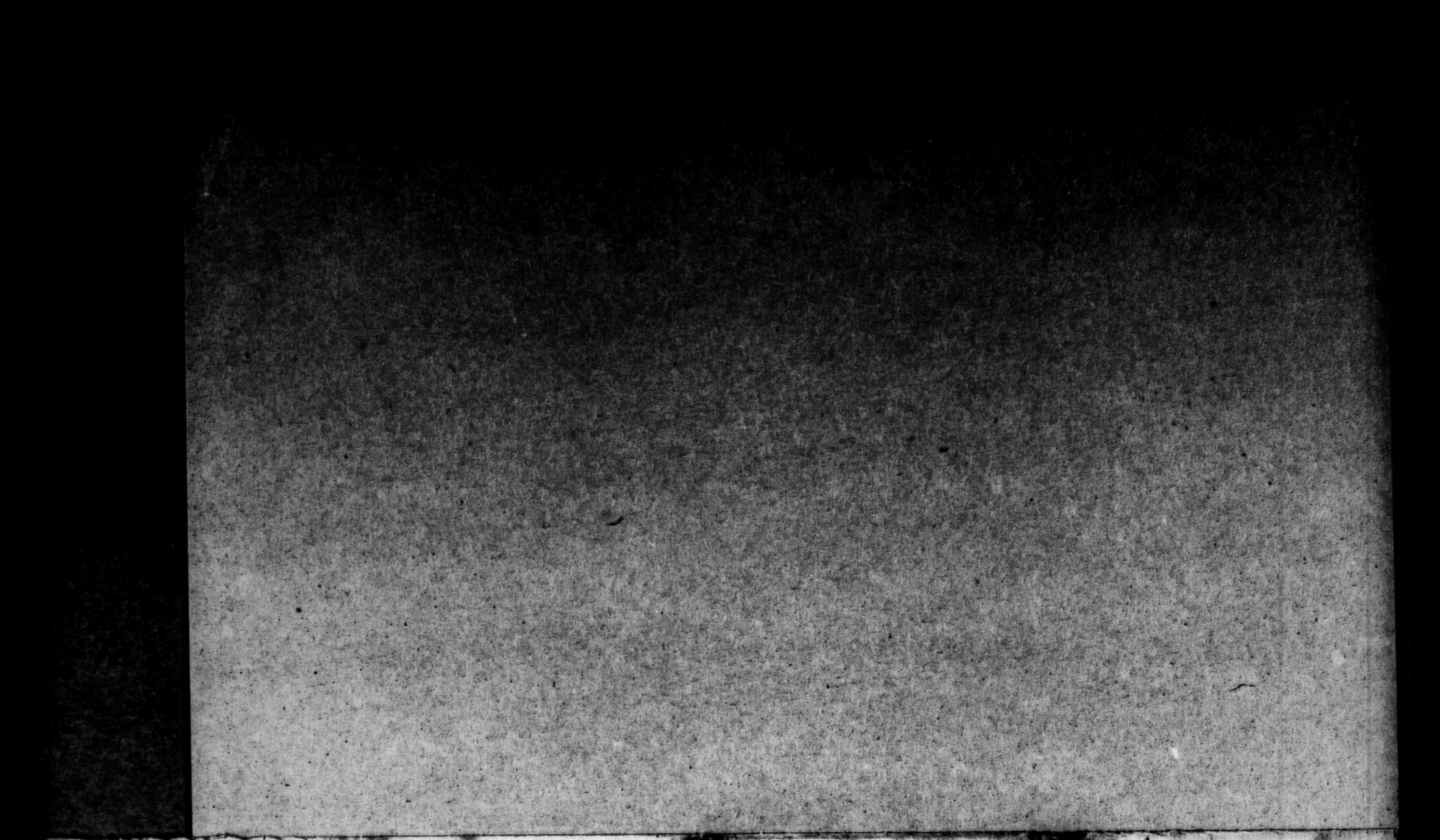
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